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THURSDAY.....SEPT. 9, 1897.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR: JAMES HOGUE TYLER, of Pulaski county.

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THE RICHMOND PRIMARY.

On the 16th instant the Democrats of this city will have a primary election to express their choice for legislative candidates. Richmond and Henrico are entitled to two senators, while our city is entitled to five members of the House of Delegates. The Democrats of Henrico have already held their primary, and have nominated for the House Addison Maupin, Esq. At the same time they polled their votes for senators. The Henrico votes and Richmond's votes combined will determine who shall be our district's senatorial nominees.

From this time onward we trust the people of Richmond will begin to take a lively interest in our primary. They certainly ought to, for the next session of the Legislature will be of surpassing importance. How to secure for the State more revenue and how to reduce her expenses will be the foremost question, and involved in it will be the matter of proposing constitutional amendments. Whenever more revenue is needed by this State a disposition is shown to increase the rate of merchants' licenses. A very erroneous impression prevails in some quarters as to the capacity of business enterprises to bear taxation. Already the towns and cities of Virginia contribute by far the greater part of the money that teaches the State Treasury; but notwithstanding this fact we cannot be sure that we may not be taxed more than we are now taxed. We ought ever to be ready to bear our full share of public burdens, but no more should be expected of us, and the men we send to the Legislature ought to be able to look out for our interests.

More than ever before in the past twenty years Richmond needs to elect active, able, and zealous legislators, and out of the list of candidates it is possible for us to make up such a ticket. True, most of the aspirants are young men, but this is the era of young men, and the work to be done is such as calls for the enthusiasm, energy, and strength of young men. And so we express our conviction that from the roster of candidates now before the people of Richmond we may easily select a corps of representatives that will measure up to the requirements of our situation, and at the same time be so thoroughly representative of our population as to make the white voters of this city almost a unit in support of the ticket nominated.

It is time for our business-men and taxpayers and voters generally to be giving thought to the selection of our candidates. In the true spirit of Democratic fellowship let us make up a thoroughly representative ticket, and in doing so we shall be able, if we will, to secure sufficient good material.

We repeat that, in our opinion, the worst that can be said against these seeking these honors is that most of them are young men; but as an offset to this we must remember that most of them have had experience in public affairs. Besides, during all the past of our State and country, young men have furnished the most valuable material that we have had in our legislatures. The young men of ambition seek to make names for themselves in the State Senate and House, while their elders aim to get into Congress or places upon the State ticket. So let us not despise the young men of our day; besides, we have here candidates who are not young, and by taking some of these and some of the young we make a judicious blending. And so we urge that we may have a good representative ticket if we will. We ask our taxpayers to give heed to this matter. Let them remember that the next Legislature will seek to increase the State's revenues, with the probability that it will wish to put the increase upon the towns and cities rather than upon the State at

NEW YORK POLITICS.

It is believed by some of the leading politicians of New York that the Hon. Thomas Croker who has just returned from Europe, will run for Mayor of Greater New York. It is hinted, too, that Mr. Bryan will lend his good offices to Tammany so to arrange matters that during the coming municipal campaign the currency question shall not be brought into issue. How this is to be done is not clear to outsiders, but it is generally conceded that there are some mighty shrewd and far-seeing politicians among the Tammanities. It is said that if Mr. Bryan will further this scheme he will lose nothing when the presidential vote comes to be taken in 1900.

If the Democrats of New York should be able to "get together" for the coming great campaign, it is more than the Republicans seem likely to do. Mayor Strong is out of favor, and will not be considered in the making of the nomination. Who the Republican candidate will be the Hon. Tom Platt, party boss, only knows, and at present he will tell no one his secret. But certain it is that he will have none of Professor Seth Low, who has been nominated as a candidate by the "Citizens Union." This union is for the most part composed of men who consider themselves too good for either of the two old parties. But if Tammany Hall should show its old-time strength, and Seth Low should remain in the field, the Republicans could hardly escape defeat. Mr. Low would quite surely draw more votes from the Republicans than from the Democrats.

Such is the political situation upon the eve of the first campaign for filling the chief magistracy of Greater New York—a position of power only second in consequence to that of President of the United States.

The estimate of the Mark Lane Express of the shortage of the foreign wheat crop is probably the most reliable yet published. Its figures show that the combined wheat surplus of the United States and Canada will not be sufficient to supply the deficiency in other countries, and that, logically, there will be a largely increased demand abroad for American corn; also that continued firm prices for grain may be expected. At the same time, it should be said that conservative men continue to warn farmers that in holding wheat for the \$1.25 mark, to which, in certain quarters, it is predicted it will go, they take speculators' risks.

According to the report of the New York Bureau of Vital Statistics, issued on Saturday last, the population of New York city—not the Greater New York, but just the proposed Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, that is, Manhattan Island and the annexed district north of the Harlem—has passed the 2,000,000 mark, the figures given in the official report being 2,000,916.

Ex-President Cleveland is reported to have appraised his property, real and personal, for the purposes of the Princeton (N. J.) tax-gatherers, at \$150,000. This is quite a small sum, in view of all the circumstances, and seems to indicate that the ex-President, now that he is only a tax-payer, has acquired one of the well-known habits of tax-payers—a modest estimate of one's wealth.

General Masso is reported, in advance of the official returns, to have been elected President of the Inchoate republic of Cuba. According to his picture in the papers, he is quite a fine-looking fellow.

A Great Virginian. (Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal.) John Randolph Tucker, of Virginia, was not the least eminent or distinguished member of a family of statesmen and jurists that included such illustrious names as that of his father, Henry St. George Tucker, and his uncle, John Randolph of Roanoke. That he did not occupy the attorney-generalship of the United States, nor represent Virginia in the upper House of Congress, was ascribable far less to his own eminent and recognized fitness than to a peculiarity of the times, which permits mediocre self-seeking to outstrip merit in the race for political preferment.

When the new order of Democracy came in such leaders as Thurman, and McDonald, and Tucker were not known at court, and, serving out his last term in the lower House of Congress, John Randolph Tucker yielded his place to his son, the hardly less brilliant Henry St. George Tucker, Jr., who, in the shades of Washington and Lee, where, until his death last spring, he served as the head of the law department, and revered by the students as he was honored and respected by the country at large. No man of his time drew to himself a larger measure of affection than this truly great Virginian. A scholar and a thinker in all arts, literary and social, he was like his father before him, an eminently a jurist; a judge of law; and a judge of law who was able to deliver his expositions with rare eloquence and surpassing clearness. His law lectures will rank with any of the writings of Story and Kent. His place in the Valley of the Shenandoah is with Marshall and Wirt.

It is proposed by the old associates and disciples of Judge Tucker to erect at Lexington, Va., his home, and the scene of his labors as a teacher, a memorial hall, and, to this end, considerable progress has been already made. John Randolph Tucker has been a benefactor to his country, and as soon as money enough has been subscribed to insure the completion of the edifice the work will be begun. It will be a noble and a fitting monument to an American of the very first order of intellect, character, and service, and Kentucky should be among the earliest to be enrolled among those assisting in this achievement. Wherever there is a Washington and Lee alumnus, he will, we feel assured, be eager to enroll himself. It has been suggested that the Alumni Association of Louisville take the lead and inaugurate a movement, first for the city and then for the State, and in order the better to facilitate this, the Courier-Journal will be glad to give its columns to the West and bring together and forming some union among the friends, followers, and admirers of Judge Tucker, who may be in reach of his circulation and influence.

Chicago's "Cause Celebre." (Baltimore Sun.) The Luettgen murder case now on trial in Chicago recalls the celebrated Webster-Parkman murder, which took place in Boston many years ago. Parkman was killed by Webster in Webster's room and the body of the murdered man was strewn piece by piece in the stove. The teeth were not so readily destroyed, and the discovery of the bones led to the conviction of the murderer. It is said that the Luettgen case is the prisoner is on trial for the murder of his wife, and it seems to be no direct evidence against him. The State must rely upon circumstantial evidence not only to prove that Luettgen

committed a murder, but first to prove that a murder had been committed. The woman who is supposed to have been murdered has disappeared. No dead body has been found. The theory of the State is that it was destroyed by the murderer. The accused was the owner of a sausage-mill in the city of Chicago. The woman was not friendly, was seen to go into the sausage-mill, and she was never seen afterward. The body was found in June. After some days inquiry was made for the woman. The husband appeared to be indifferent. The mill was searched, and in solution of caustic soda, in this solution there were two gold rings, a tooth, and the remains of what was supposed to be a human bone not entirely destroyed. The State will undertake to prove that these rings belonged to Mrs. Luettgen. This is the strongest piece of evidence which the State has yet disclosed, but it is far from being conclusive. Disappearances count for but little. The newspapers are filled with accounts of mysterious disappearances of persons who return after a time. The common law of England would not regard a mere disappearance of a person as proof of death, until it had continued seven years. In the case mentioned in the text, the disappearance of the woman was not from home three months. It is said that Luettgen ill-treated his wife, and she may have left to escape from him. There is case mentioned in one of the text-books, where two brothers were seen beating a third brother. The man who was beaten disappeared. His brothers were charged with his murder, and were convicted and executed. Afterward the man supposed to be murdered returned to his home. One of the most unusual features of the case is the experiment upon two dead bodies—one by the State, and one by the defense. The defense subjected the body of the woman to the treatment of Luettgen. A chemist has testified that he sold to Luettgen a barrel of potash and 50 pounds of arsenic. But it appears that the potash was not used in the factory for the manufacture of soap, and it is inconceivable that 50 pounds of arsenic was bought to poison one person.

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The question has been raised whether Luettgen appears to be rather a dull man, could have so nearly succeeded in destroying the body, all except one tooth. If he had shown more intelligence, he would have no traces of buttons or other admissible articles which a woman usually wears, why was he so stupid as to leave the rings on the woman's fingers?

Primitive Baptist Association. FLOYD, VA., September 8.—(Special.)—Smith's River Association of the Primitive Baptist Church convened at Salem church, in this county, on Saturday last, for the purpose of holding their annual conference.

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Master Masons in good-standing are invited to attend. By order of the Worshipful Master, se 9-11. S. R. JACOBS, Secretary. THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY. Richmond, Va., September 8, 1897. The annual meeting of the STOCK-HOLDERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY, for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting (including the ratification of all acts of the Board of Directors, and all committees thereof) since the last annual meeting will be held at the office of the company, in the Pace Building, in the city of Richmond, Va., on TUESDAY, the 14th day of October, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. The stock transfer-books will be closed at the office of Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., No. 23 Wall Street, New York, on Saturday, September 12, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, and will reopen on Wednesday, October 20, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. C. E. WELFORD, Secretary. se 9-20. AMUSEMENTS. Forest Hill Park. WEEK OF SEPT. 6th. EVERY NIGHT at 8:30 o'clock. Matinee Saturday 4:30 P. M. VAUDEVILLE. LAST WEEK OF THE VAUDEVILLES. Return of the favorites, OSCAR P. SIMON, assisted by ESTER WALLACE. In a New Musical Comedy, entitled "A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING." PAYNE AND CRAPO, Society Sketch Artists. HART AND IRVING, Transformation Artists and Mystifiers. REYARD, In Ventriiloquist Pastimes. SINGING NEGRO CHARACTER SONGS. MISS JESSIE COLE, Singing Negro Character Songs. BLUES BAND. Plays at each Performance. See the GONDOLA and FIREWORKS on the lake every night. LADIES' NIGHT, 50 CENTS. No Charge for Seats. Admire and Children's Matinee, 5c. THE HOME OF VAUDEVILLE. In the Auditorium, Sept. 6th. (Exposition-Grounds.) Sit. Nellen. FORESTER & FLOYD, Comedy Sketch, High-Class Singing and Talking Acts. (First Appearance Here.) W. C. ALVINO, Marvellous European Juggler, Acrobat, and Gun-Spinner. (Second Week.) MILE. MARIE ROSTELLE, Solo-Comic and French Comedienne. (First Appearance Here.) 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